

## Governor Asks For Flags At Half-Staff

PIERRE — The White House has issued a proclamation designating Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

President Obama calls for the flag of the United States to be displayed at half-staff on Wednesday, and he has invited Governors of the United States to join in the observance.

At the president's request, Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in the state be flown at half-staff today (Wednesday) from 8 a.m. until sunset in honor of those who lost their lives in terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

## SoDak Stamm Meeting Slated For Sun.

KAYLOR — The next SoDak Stamm meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Kaylor Heritage Site. (Note time change for this meeting only)

The speaker will be Wilbur Foss on the history of the Old Time Fiddlers.

Everyone is invited.

## MMC Designated Military Friendly School

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Mount Marty College to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list.

The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® shows Mount Marty College's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Vice President at Victory Media and a nine-year Navy veteran. "The need for education is growing and our mission is to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

Complete survey methodology is available at [militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit/](http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit/).

The Military Friendly Schools® media and website, found at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/), feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,868 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services to those who served.

"We are honored to be named a Military Friendly School and look forward to working with the military community to provide access to education in the Benedictine tradition," said MMC President Dr. Joseph N. Benoit. "Our focus on academic excellence with attention to service to humankind makes Mount Marty College an excellent choice for those who serve our nation. It is truly our pleasure to be able to offer our educational programs to our country's best as they continue their education."

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide approved for VA tuition funding. The survey results that comprise the 2014 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at <http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/board>.

A full story and detailed list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools® will be highlighted in the annual Guide to Military Friendly Schools®, distributed in print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

# USD Recognizes Faculty With President's Research Awards

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota recognized four faculty members for outstanding research. The researchers were awarded grants in three categories, including the President's Awards for Research Excellence for Early-Mid Career Faculty and Established Faculty and the President's Award for Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Recipients were selected through a highly competitive process with both university and external reviewers. The selections are a strong endorsement of each researcher's creativity and innovation, and an honor for the university to bestow.

This year, the researchers receiving the prestigious awards include:

- President's Award for Research Excellence: Early-Mid Career Faculty — Chaoyang Jiang, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry
- President's Award for Research Excellence: Established Faculty (tie) — Ranjit Koodali, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry; Carlos Telleria, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences
- President's Award for Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship — Gopinath Mani, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering

In each category, candidates were reviewed based on past and current research accomplishments, including criteria such as publications, presentations, successful grantmanship, serving as a peer reviewer, maintenance of an active graduate and/or undergraduate program, and other competitive research awards. The Innovation & Entrepreneurship award further required demonstrated innovative thinking or research findings that had promising commercial potential as well as a concept that had progressed beyond the theoretical stage to the applied stage.

"Research is an essential component of USD's mission, and one of many ways USD contributes to the economic development of the state," said Laura Jensi, Ph.D., vice president for research at USD. "Our award winners this year are from chemistry, biomedical sciences and engineering, which are disciplines of significant strength at USD and complementary to the university's prominence in the fine arts, humanities, and professional programs."

Each award recipient receives a \$3,000 grant and a plaque. The President's Awards for Research Excellence for Early-Mid Career Faculty and Established Faculty, and the President's Award for Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship are awarded annually and open to USD faculty in each of the three categories.

### ABOUT THE RECIPIENTS

- Jiang joined the USD Chemistry Department in 2007 as a tenure-track assistant professor in the areas of analytical chemistry and material science and was recently promoted to Associate Professor. He has actively participated in most of the major research programs within chemistry including: the statewide National Science Foundation (NSF)-EP-SCoR-Research Infrastructure Improvement Project, the Ph.D program in Materials Chemistry, the NSF funded South Dakota Integrative



Jiang



Koodali



Mani



Telleria

Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program (IGERT), the Northern Plain Undergraduate Research Center (NPURC), and the department's current Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. Dr. Jiang's research interests include nanostructure synthesis and assembly, functional multilayer thin films, plasmonic nanomaterials, and surface-enhanced Raman scattering for sensing and chemical detection. He is a science PI for a multi-year collaborative project supported by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Dr. Jiang also serves as the lead investigator of several collaborative grants and is the principal investigator of the chemistry department's most recent NSF-MRI grant for the purchase of a field-emission scanning electron microscope. He has mentored many students, undergraduate and graduate students alike, during his six years at USD.

• Koodali has been at USD since 2005. In that time, he has built an outstanding record in all three areas of the tripartite mission of the college, including research, service and teaching. Koodali's research interests include nanomaterials, photocatalysis, environmental remediation, catalysis by metal oxides, and solar energy conversion to fuels. He consistently publishes in high impact journals, and the results of his scholarship have resulted in considerable external grant support and inclusion in last year's National Science Foundation (NSF) report to Congress. He has been a principal investigator (PI) or co-PI on every major multiuser instrument proposal granted to chemistry by the NSF during his tenure at USD. Koodali also takes an active role in the Photo Active Nanoscale Systems (PANS) collaboration where his research on transforming solar energy into fuel

contributed significantly to the Research Infrastructure Improvement Award. He has gained significant national exposure as a national program co-chair of the Energy & Fuels Division for several national American Chemical Society meetings. As the Materials Chemistry Ph.D. Program Graduate Program Director, Koodali and has done a superb job of recruiting, organizing and advising graduate students, and growing the program. He sits on a large number of university committees, and has reviewed an exceptional number of journal manuscripts and grant proposals in the

fields of catalysis and nanoscience. He advises a large number of undergraduate research students, with several that have completed university honors theses under his supervision.

Twenty-nine undergraduate students that include two Goldwater Scholars, four NSF Graduate Research Fellows, two National Defense Science and Engineering Grant (NDSEG) awardees, one National Health Corps scholar, one NASA National Aeronautics scholar and one NCAA post-graduate scholar have pursued undergraduate research under his direction for the past eight years. Koodali received the President's Award for Research Excellence in the Early/Mid-Career Category in 2010 and the Cutler Award in the Natural Science and Math category for excellence in teaching and research in 2013.

• Telleria has been a faculty member in the division of Basic Biomedical Sciences of the Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) for 10 years. He is dedicated to securing external funding for his research and his commitment was rewarded in 2008 with the awarding of a National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Career Development Award. In 2012, he had his second NCI-NIH grant funded, an R15 to continue

his work on antiprogesterin therapy for ovarian cancer. Telleria has been successful in seeking funding for his work from local sources and societies as well, and has nearly 50 peer-reviewed publications. Although Telleria's original research focus was reproductive biology and endocrinology, he is now focused in the area of oncology with an emphasis on ovarian cancer. Presentations of his work have garnered national attention. He was the recipient of the 2008 McVay Award for Teaching and Research Excellence from the SSOM, and is active in providing research opportunities in his laboratory for colleagues and students.

• Mani joined the faculty of USD in 2010 as a member of the Biomedical Engineering program. In his time at USD, he has made two invention disclosures related to the development of the next generation of drug-eluting stents, and the patents are currently pending on these projects. A critical problem in the currently available drug-eluting stents is their inability to encourage the proliferation of endothelial cells. This leads to late stent thrombosis, which is a catastrophic clinical event that results in heart attack or death. Mani's new approaches include using a novel therapeutic drug as well as a dual-drug elution therapy that will solve this problem by encouraging endothelial cell growth while simultaneously inhibiting smooth muscle cell growth to prevent artery re-closure. He has published his work in several leading journals and a textbook that he co-authored for Cambridge University Press is scheduled to release in December 2013. Mani has held various leadership positions in the Society for Biomaterials (SFB) including Program Chair and Vice Chair for the Surface Characterization and Modification Special Interest Group. He is also a member in the SFB's Education and Professional Development Committee and Program Committee. Mani's students have received the prestigious Student Travel Achievement Recognition Award from the SFB. Mani's work is funded by the American Heart Association and South Dakota Board of Regents and he is actively pursuing additional funding. He is currently working with South Dakota Innovation Partners on the possibility of creating of a start-up company to move the technology further along the commercialization pathway.

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LAURA JENSKI

## OBITUARIES

### Richard Duman

Richard G. Duman, 67, of Vermillion, SD passed away Monday, September 9 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Richard was born November 24, 1945 in Omaha, NE to George and Carmela (Nigro) Duman. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1963. He married Sheryl Myron on September 2, 1972 in Vermillion. He worked as a Microbiologist for the University of South Dakota retiring after 43 years and was currently working part time for Quality Motors in Vermillion.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother Carmela and his father in law Odell Myron.

Richard is survived by his wife Sheryl of Vermillion, a son David of Sioux Falls, SD, his father George of Omaha, three sisters: Antoinette (Bud) Noble of LaVista, NE, Charlotte (Lu) Meade of Council Bluffs, IA and Jeanette Duman of Omaha, and four brothers: Greg (Becky) Duman, Mark (Ellen) Duman, Robert Duman and Mike Duman all of Omaha. He is also survived by in laws; Gayle (Terry) Ramey of Jackson, MN and Mark (Dawn)



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Myron of Vermillion and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 12 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 11 from 5-7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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### David Kimball

David Lawrence Kimball, 57, of Vermillion died at Sanford Vermillion Hospital on Sept. 9, 2013.

A visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. today (Wednesday), with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m., at Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

A memorial service is at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at United Church of Christ-Congregational of Vermillion with the Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Burial will take place immediately following the service at Bluff View Cemetery.

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